

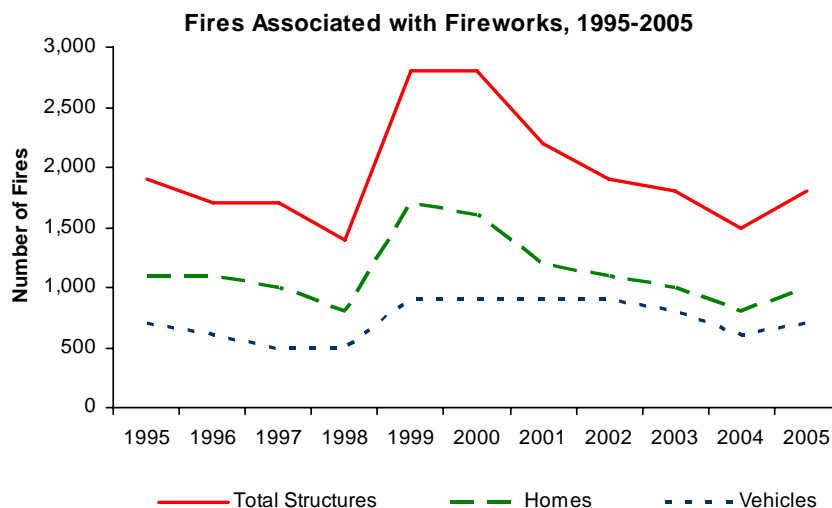


## Fireworks

### Size of the Fireworks Problem

On Independence Day in a typical year, more U.S. fires are reported than on any other day, and fireworks account for half of those fires, more than any other cause of fires.

- In 2005, fireworks caused an estimated **1,800** total structure fires and **700** vehicle fires reported to fire departments.
- These 2,500 fires resulted in an estimated **60** civilian injuries and **\$39 million** in direct property damage. There were no reported civilian deaths.

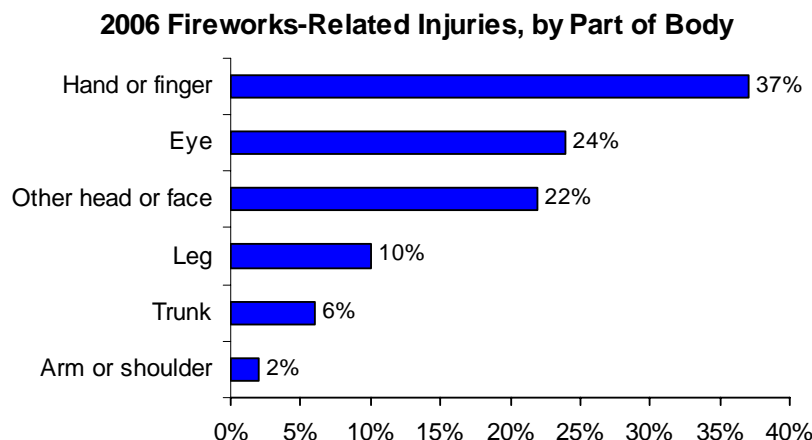


**FACT: 1,000** home structure fires were caused by fireworks in 2005.

### Characteristics of Fireworks Injuries

In 2006, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated **9,200** people for fireworks related injuries.

- **49%** of 2006 emergency room fireworks-related injuries were to the extremities and **46%** were to the head.



**FACT: Males** accounted for **75%** of fireworks injuries in 2006.